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NEWSPAPERS

NY TIMES -- GWERTZMAN FROM DAR ES SALAAM

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE WAS REPORTED TONIGHT TO HAVE RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT RHODESIAN GUERRILLA LEADERS WOULD ACCEPT THE BRITISH-AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR CONVENING A CONFERENCE OF ALL PARTIES IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID A FULL-SCALE WAR."

OTHER POINTS:

-- IN MOSCOW WESTERN DIPLOMATS SAID THEY BELIEVED THAT  
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THE SOVIET UNION WAS TALKING WITH CUBA AND ITS AFRICAN ALLIES IN ETHIOPIA AND ANGOLA ABOUT STEPPING UP SUPPORT FOR THE GUERRILLA GROUPS.

-- THE MAIN PROBLEM THAT VANCE FACES IS THAT THE SALISBURY GOVERNMENT HAS SO FAR REFUSED THE "ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE"; VANCE HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO CHANGE THAT POSITION.

-- VANCE PLANS TO HAVE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS FRIDAY WITH

MR. MUGABE, NKOMO, DAVID OWEN, AND PRESIDENT NYERERE.

-- SATURDAY, VANCE AND OWEN WILL FORMALLY CONFER WITH NKOMO, MUGABE, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OR THEIR DEPUTIES FROM FRONT-LINE STATES, AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF NIGERIA.

-- U.S. OFFICIALS SAID THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IS READY TO ACCEPT "THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS" OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN.

-- VANCE AND OWEN WILL FLY SUNDAY TO PRETORIA, TO CONFER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA, AND SEEK SOUTH AFRICA'S HELP IN PERSUADING MR. SMITH TO BE MORE CONCILIATORY.

-- MONDAY, THE VANCE-OWEN MISSION FLIES TO SALISBURY FOR NEW DISCUSSIONS WITH SMITH AND HIS BLACK COLLEAGUES.

-- THIS MISSION MAY BE PIVOTAL FOR AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH THE NATIONS OF THE AREA. THE FRONT-LINE STATES SAY THEY HAVE GONE AS FAR AS THEY CAN IN PERSUADING THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO ACCEPT THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN PLAN DESPITE PRIOR DISAGREEMENTS.

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-- REPORTERS WERE TOLD THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS AT LEAST FORMALLY GIVEN ITS SUPPORT TO THE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE BY THE AMERICANS AND BRITISH.

WASHINGTON POST -- MARDER FROM DAR ES SALAAM

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE WILL ASK SOUTH AFRICA TO SUPPORT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ATTEMPT TO BRING RHODESIA'S RIVAL FACTIONS INTO ALL-PARTY TALKS TO AVERT A CIVIL WAR OVER THE FORMER BRITISH COLONY, OFFICIALS SAID YESTERDAY."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE NOW PLANS TO GO TO PRETORIA, TO SOLICIT THAT NATION'S HELP IN INDUCING IAN SMITH TO SEEK AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEADERS OF THE BLACK NATIONALIST GUERRILLAS OPPOSING HIS NEW MULTIRACIAL GOVERNMENT.

-- OVER THE NEXT FOUR DAYS, VANCE, YOUNG AND THEIR AIDES SEEK TO THREAD A PATH THROUGH A MAZE OF GREAT POWER AND AFRICAN RIVALRIES.

-- OWEN HAS EXPRESSED ALARM THAT THE SOVIET-CUBAN PROJECTION OF MILITARY POWER DEMONSTRATED IN THE ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI CONFLICT MAY BE EXTENDED INTO SOUTHERN AFRICA.

-- SMITH HAS GAINED THE ADVANTAGE IN THE STRUGGLE BY JOIN-

ING FORCES VERY LATE IN THE GAME WITH MODERATE BLACK LEADERS LIVING INSIDE RHODESIA.

-- THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA ARE INTENSE COMPETITORS IN AFRICA AS ELSEWHERE. THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND CHINA HAVE BEEN BETTING ON BLACK NATIONALISM OVER TIME TO COUNTER SOVIET PENETRATION OF AFRICA.

-- THE FRONT-LINE STATES ARE ALL SUPPORTING AN ANGLO-AMERI-  
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CAN PLAN FOR BRINGING BLACK MAJORITY RULE TO RHODESIA MORE QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY THAN THE "INTERNAL" SETTLEMENT. HOWEVER, THE FRONT-LINE STATES MAY TURN TO THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA IF THE WESTERN PLAN LOOKS LIKE A LOSER.

-- SIMULTANEOUSLY, SOUTH AFRICA IS ENGAGED IN THE CLIMACTIC ROUND OF BARGAINNING WITH WESTERN POWERS OVER GRANTING INDEPENDENCE AND BLACK MAJORITY RULE TO NAMIBIA. VANCE HOPES TO FIND SOUTH AFRICA PREPARED TO ACCEPT A FORMULA FOR U.N.-SUPERVISED ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA AND A U.N. PEACE-KEEPING FORCE.

BALTIMORE SUN -- TREWHITT FROM DAR ES SALAAM

LEAD: "DESPITE NEW SUPPORT FROM MILITANT BLACKS, SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS CONCEDED YESTERDAY THAT THEIR EFFORT TO BRING TOGETHER RIVALS FOR POWER IN RHODESIA HAS ONLY FAINT CHANCES FOR SUCCESS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE'S GOOD NEWS WAS THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE FRONT-LINE STATES ALL SUPPORT THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS -- DESPITE SOME RESERVATIONS--OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN.

-- VANCE EXPECTS A COOLER RECEPTION WHEN HE FLIES TO PRETORIA AND TO SALISBURY.

-- THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE FRONT-LINE STATES AND NIGERIA ARE EXPECTED HERE. NIGERIA PLAYS A POTENTIALLY PIVOTAL ROLE AS CURRENT LEADER OF THE OAU, BESIDES HAVING CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE CONFERRED BY ITS SIZE AND OIL RE-  
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SOURCES.

-- AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED THAT CUBAN FORCES, SPONSORED BY THE SOVIET UNION, MIGHT EXPAND THEIR INFLUENCE

BEYOND THEIR CURRENT ROLE AS SUPPLIERS OF ARMS AND ADVICE TO THE MILITANTS.

-- IF FAILURE COMES, MR. VANCE IS REPORTED READY TO ACCEPT THE UNFAVORABLE COMMENTS THAT WILL FOLLOW. ABOVE ALL, HE WANTS IT KNOWN THAT THE U.S. DID ITS BEST, FOR THE TIME WILL COME, IN HIS VIEW, WHEN THE REST OF THE WORLD WILL HAVE TO INTERVENE, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, TO STOP THE BLOODBATH THAT RESULTS.

-- VANCE AND OWEN SAY THEY HAVE A FALLBACK STRATEGY, WHICH THEY WILL NOT REVEAL, FOR WINNING ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN.

WASHINGTON STAR -- BRADSHER FROM DAR ES SALAAM

LEAD: "LEADERS OF THE TWO GUERRILLA ARMIES FIGHTING THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT CONFERRED ON THEIR POSITION TODAY IN PREPARATION FOR AN EARLY OPENING LATER IN THE DAY OF AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM:

OTHER POINTS:

-- BRITISH AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE TRYING TO GET THE FRONT TO ACCEPT FULLY THEIR PLAN FOR A TRANSITION TO BLACK RULE IN RHODESIA. HOWEVER, THE FRONT HAS ACCEPTED ONLY THE SHELL OF THE PLAN WITHOUT AGREEING TO SUBSTANTIVE DETAILS ON IMPARTIALLY SUPERVISED ELECTIONS.

-- A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID THE ODDS WERE AGAINST THIS MEETING'S LEADING TO A LARGER CONFERENCE THAT WOULD INCLUDE RHODESIAN INTERNAL LEADERS.

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-- THE MEETING WAS MOVED UP TO THIS AFTERNOON BECAUSE NKOMO, HAS INSISTED HE HAS TO LEAVE TOMORROW.

-- NKOMO AND MUGABE MET BRIEFLY LAST NIGHT AND FOR MORE THAN THREE HOURS THIS MORNING TO TRY TO COORDINATE THEIR POSITION. AFRICAN SOURCES SAID THEY WERE UNDER PRESSURE FROM NYERERE AND OTHER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR TWO GUERRILLA ARMIES.

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AP -- SCWEID FROM DAR ES SALAAM

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE ARRIVED HERE TODAY VOWING TO TACKLE 'THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS OF BRINGING BLACK RULE TO SOUTHERN AFRICA.'"

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE WILL BE MEETING WITH LEADERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SIX AFRICAN NATIONS IN ORDER TO WIN ACCEPTANCE OF ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN.

-- US OFFICIALS SAID THE ODDS ARE AGAINST SUCCESS BUT THAT SECSTATE WILL GO THE LAST MILE TO ACHIEVE HIS GOAL.

-- SMITH IS THE PRIME OBSTACLE.

-- US OFFICIALS FEEL THAT FAILURE COULD LEAD TO CIVIL WAR.

-- IN ARRIVAL STATEMENT VANCE PRAISED PRES. NYRERE AND OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS WHO "ARE COMMITTTED TO PEACE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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JUSTICE."

UPI -- ANDERSON FROM DAR ES SALAAM

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE CONFERRED WITH TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYRERE AT THE START OF A WEEKEND OF INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO AVERT FULL-SCALE WAR IN RHODESIA."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE AND OWEN MET SEPARATELY WITH NYRERE AS WELL AS CONFERRING WITH YOUNG.

-- MUGABE AND NKOMO HELD LENGTHY PRIVATE MEETING BEFORE JOINING WESTERN ENVOYS.

-- MUGABE SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE BUT WAS PREPARED TO CONTINUE THE WAR UNTIL TRANSFER OF POWER OCCURS.

-- ON ARRIVAL, OWEN SAID HE WAS NOT TOTALLY PESSIMISTIC BUT THAT THE SIGNS FOR AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE WERE NOT GOOD.

REUTER -- GUTMAN FROM DAR ES SALAAM

LEAD: "THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN TODAY LAUNCH A NEW DRIVE TO BRING RHODESIA'S MULTIRACIAL GOVERNMENT AND THE BLACK GUERRILLA LEADERS TRYING TO OVERTHROW IT TO AN ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE TABLE."

OTHER POINTS:

-- HOPES FOR THE CONFERENCE ARE DIM. A SENIOR US OFFICIAL SAID SMITH WOULD PROBABLY REJECT THE PLAN, BUT THE OFFICIAL EXPECTED A MORE FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM THE FRONT-

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LINE STATES.

-- THE OFFICIAL SAID MUGABE AND NKOMO WERE READY TO ENDORSE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS.

-- OWEN AND VANCE MAY OPEN THEIR TALKS WITH THE GUERRILLA LEADERS FRIDAY -- ONE DAY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

-- A US OFFICIAL SAID THAT THERE IS NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN.

-- ON ARRIVAL OWEN SAID THE ALTERNATIVE TO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IS CONFLICT. HE ADDED THAT AN ALL-PARTY MEETING IS NECESSARY IF THERE IS TO BE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

-- OWEN NOTED THE RELUCTANCE OF THE RHODESIAN LEADERS TO NEGOTIATE, BUT HE SAID HE WAS NOT TOTALLY PESSIMISTIC.

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ALL ANCHORS ON MORNING NEWSCASTS MENTIONED VANCE TRIP. THERE WERE NO REPORTS FROM THE JOURNALISTS ACCOMPANYING SECSTATE.

CBS RADIO NETWORK -- KALB FROM DAR ES SALAAM

THE DIPLOMATIC PLAYERS ARE NOW ALL IN PLACE, THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEGUN, THE RESULTS STILL UNCERTAIN: FIRST, BRITAIN'S FOREIGN SECRETARY DAVID OWEN ARRIVED THIS MORNING FROM LONDON SAYING SOMEHOW WE'VE GOT TO KEEP MOVING. ONCE WE ALL GIVE UP ON A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT FOR RHODESIA, THEN ALL THERE IS IS CONFLICT.

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NEXT, SECRETARY VANCE MET WITH TANZANIA'S NYERERE, THE MOST INFLUENTIAL AFRICAN LEADER IN THE AREA. NYERERE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING THE RHODESIAN GUERRILLA CHIEFS TO DROP THEIR OBJECTIONS TO CERTAIN ASPECTS OF AN ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN THAT WOULD INTRODUCE BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. VANCE EMERGED FROM THAT SESSION WITH A BIT OF NEWS HE WAS READY TO TALK ABOUT, THAT HIS MEETING WITH THE GUERRILLA LEADERS JOSHUA NKOMO AND ROBERT MUGABE HAS BEEN ADVANCED. THEY'LL BE MEETING TODAY RATHER THAN TOMORROW. WHAT VANCE AND OWEN ARE TRYING TO DO IS TO GET THEM TO AGREE TO A PEACE PROCESS WITH RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER SMITH AND RHODESIA'S POLITICAL LEADERS. THE IMPRESSION HERE IS THAT THE GUERRILLAS MAY GO ALONG WITH

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN REQUEST IF VANCE AND OWEN CAN ONLY GET  
THE RHODESIAN LEADERS TO REVERSE THEIR OPPOSITION AND  
AGREE TO THE CONFERENCE. CHRISTOPHER

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